# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF EXPORTS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has allocated Rs. 450 crores for the promotion of exports; and

(b) if so, criteria fixed for distribution among the exporters and their criteria for selection of exporters?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) For promotion of exports a `Market Access Initiative` Scheme is operational with an outlay of Rs.552 crore during the 10th Five Year Plan period.

(b) Under the Scheme, funds are sanctioned to Export Promotion Councils/Apex Chambers/Registered trade bodies/Indian Missions abroad/State Governments after consideration and approval of the proposals by the Empowered Committee constituted for this purpose. The Empowered Committee considers the proposals selected on the basis of criteria prescribed under the Scheme.